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Advisory Action

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Gilberto Barrón Jr.

Art Unit

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--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 25 February 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: SEE ATTACHMENT.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) ____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

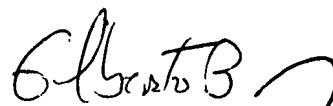
Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: _____.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.
9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. Other: _____.



Gilberto Barrón Jr.
Primary Examiner
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1. The proposed amendments continue to shift the language of the claims that do not allow the issues to be clearly defined.

2. The following is a proposal for placing the claims in condition for allowance:

Limit the identity information to be encrypted and that the enablement of an electronic commerce operation involves a remote computer.

3. This proposal is based on the following: The Haas reference does not teach an encrypted identity information feature and the enablement of an electronic commerce operation, by displaying the rightful user's credit card number, does not disclose connection to a remote computer.

4. A possible claim to provide the features noted above may be as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended). A method for protecting software from unauthorized use, comprising the steps of:

storing in an authorized user's computer encrypted identity information;

causing a protected software program to begin executing in the authorized user's computer;

determining if the encrypted identity information is stored on the authorized user's computer;

permitting execution of said protected software program if the encrypted identity information is stored on the authorized user's computer;

transmitting the encrypted identity information to a remote computer;

decrypting the encrypted identity information at said remote computer;

enabling access to an electronic commerce account of said authorized user without an electronic account operation being performed by the remote computer during the step of enabling access,

whereby enabling access to a user's electronic commerce account permits electronic commerce operations to be performed and charged to the rightful user's account during the execution of the protected software.

5. Applicant is requested to respond to this proposal in writing.
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gilberto Barrón Jr. whose telephone number is (703) 305-1830. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays thru Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, Mr. Albert Decady, can be reached on (703) 305-9595, or Ms. Gail Hayes, can be reached on (703) 305-9711, may be contacted.

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